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NOTE VERBALE DATED 6 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretary-General, with reference to his note of 16 December 1991 and Security Council resolution 724 (1991), in pursuance of which all States are requested to report to him on the measures they have instituted for meeting the obligations set out in paragraph 6 of resolution 713 (1991) to implement a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia, that the Government of Finland has taken measures to meet the obligations of paragraph 6 of resolution 713 (1991), and submits the following information in that regard.

Export of arms and military equipment is restricted and controlled by the following legislative acts in force:

- Act of 9 March 1990 on Export and Transit of Defence Materials (242/90). Export or transit through Finland of defence materials is forbidden unless an export licence has been issued by the State Council as a general rule or in some specific cases by the Ministry of Defence. The Parliamentary Bill (197/89) in accordance with which the Act was passed provides that exportation of defence materials is not permitted to areas in war or to areas where there is a threat of war or armed conflict or to countries where serious violations of human rights occur.

- Decree of 27 September 1933 on firearms and ammunition (34/33). The Decree provides that export of firearms or ammunition without permission is forbidden. Permission for the exportation of firearms and ammunition is ultimately decided upon by the State Council.

This legislation fully implements the general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia as required in resolution 713 (1991). However, to make an explicit reference to the current crisis, it was decided by the Finnish Government to issue yet another Decree - Decree of 30 December 1991 on the Enforcement of Obligations arising from the Resolution on Yugoslavia adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations - to supplement the embargo (see annex).

Annex

Decree on the Enforcement of Obligations arising from the Resolution on Yugoslavia adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations

Issued at Helsinki on 30 December 1991

Upon presentation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs the following is enacted by virtue of articles 1 and 5 of the Act (659/67) of 29 December 1967 on the Enforcement of Certain Obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations

1 §

In order to enforce the obligations of Finland arising from resolution 713 (1991) adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations, all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia are forbidden.

2 §

The provisions of article 1 shall also apply to contracts or other commitments entered into prior to the date of entry into force of this Decree.

3 §

Regarding violations of this Decree or directives issued by virtue thereof, article 4 of the Act on the Enforcement of Certain Obligations on Finland as a Member of the United Nations shall apply.

4 §

The State Council shall, if necessary, issue more detailed directives on the application of this Decree.

5 §

This Decree will enter into force on 1 January 1992.

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Mauno Koivisto

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Paavo Väyrynen